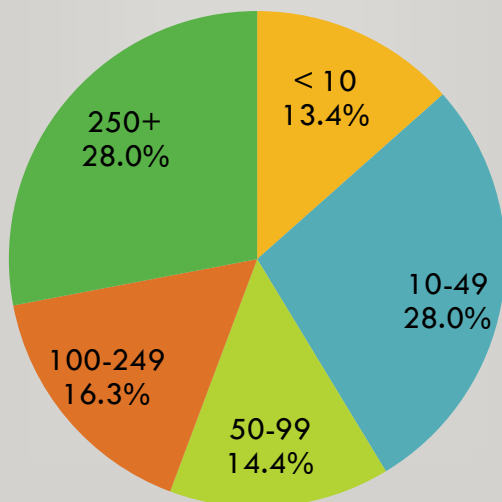


2012 Missouri Businesses by Size



Percentage of Employment by Business Size

While small businesses make up the majority of establishments in Missouri, they do not account for the largest percentage of employees. 28 percent of Missouri workers are employed by medium-sized businesses employing 10 to 49 workers. Businesses with more than 250 workers also made up 28 percent of the state's total employment.

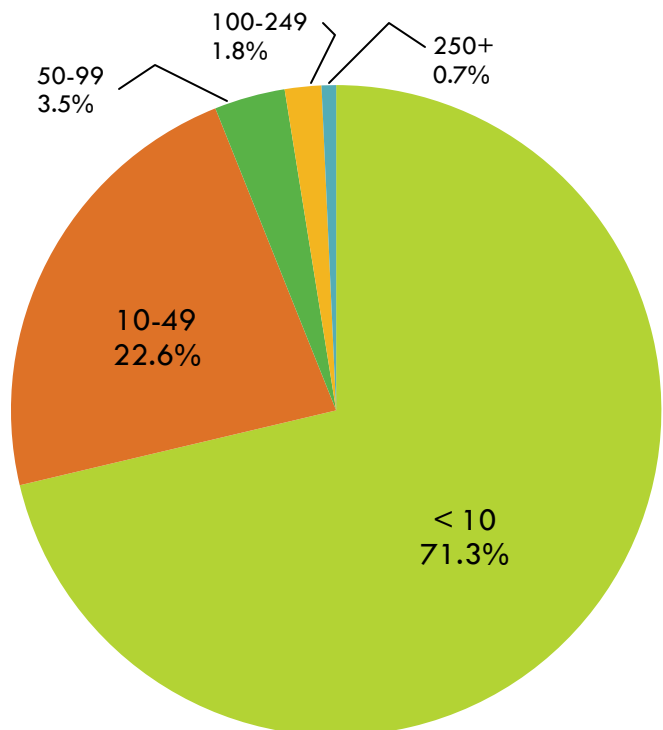


Number of Businesses by Size

Missouri reported 177,222 employers in 2012. Private firms accounted for 94.4 percent of all employers, while government accounted for the remaining 5.6 percent.

Very small businesses, those employing fewer than 10 employees, accounted for nearly 75 percent of Missouri establishments. Firms employing 1–50 employees make up nearly 94 percent of all businesses in Missouri.

Number of Employees	Number of Businesses
1-4	84,087
5-9	28,489
10-19	21,008
20-49	14,732
50-99	5,562
100-249	2,869
250-499	741
500-99	256
1000+	138
TOTAL	157,882

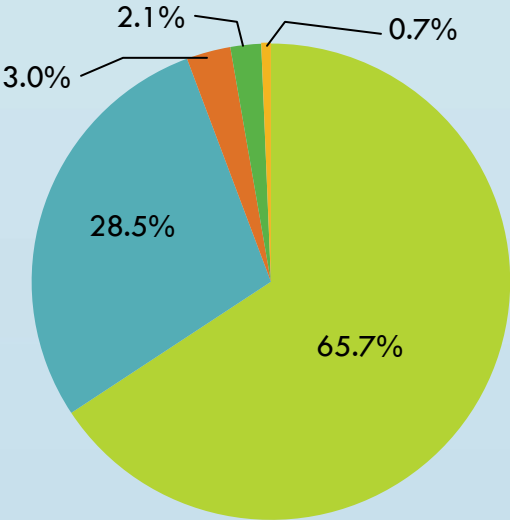


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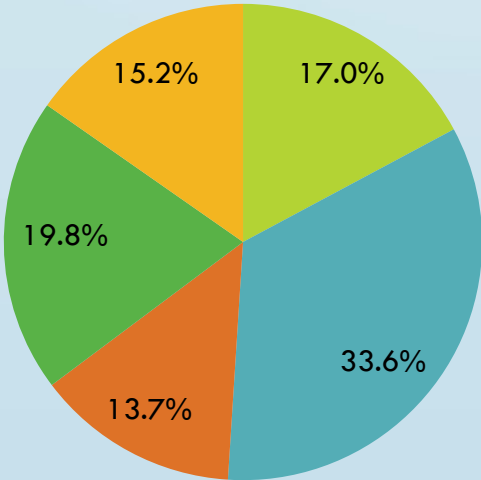
In Missouri's private sector, more than 16 percent of businesses are in the *Other Services* industry. *Retail Trade* makes up 11.9 percent of the state's businesses, while 9.9 percent are in the *Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services* industry. By employment, however, *Health Care and Social Assistance* employs 16.3 percent of the state's workforce, with *Retail Trade* and *Manufacturing* employing 13.8 percent and 11.4 percent, respectively. The composition of businesses and employment vary across industries.

Retail Trade

Small businesses make up the majority of Missouri's Retail Trade industry, with nearly 66 percent of businesses employing 10 or fewer employees. Further, only 5.7 percent of Missouri's retail establishments employ more than 50 workers. However, retail employment is more equally divided among the establishment sizes, ranging between 13.7 and 33.6 percent of employment in each establishment size category.



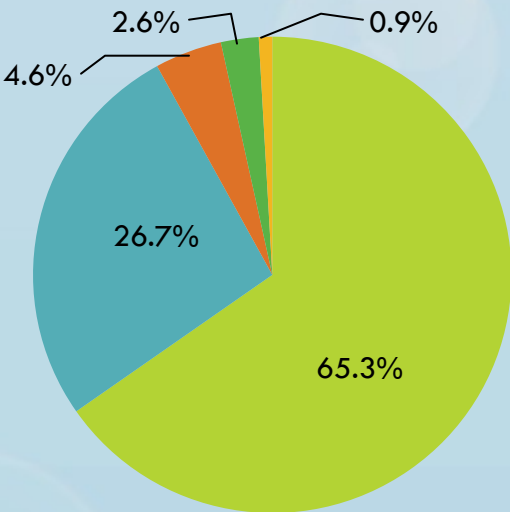
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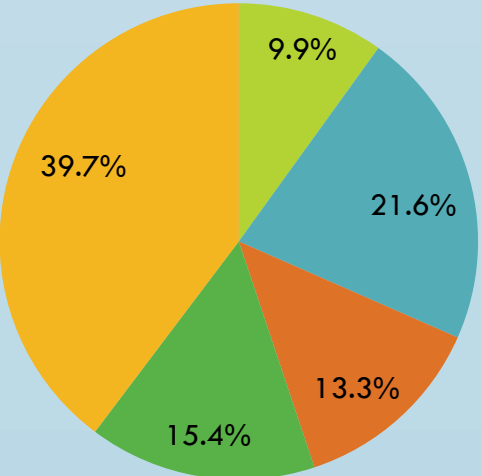
Employees by Businesses by Size

Health Care and Social Assistance

More than 65 percent of Health Care and Social Assistance establishments employ less than 10 workers. These establishments only accounted for 9.9 percent of the employment. While larger employers made up only 3.5 percent of the establishments, they represent 55.1 percent of employment.



Businesses by Size

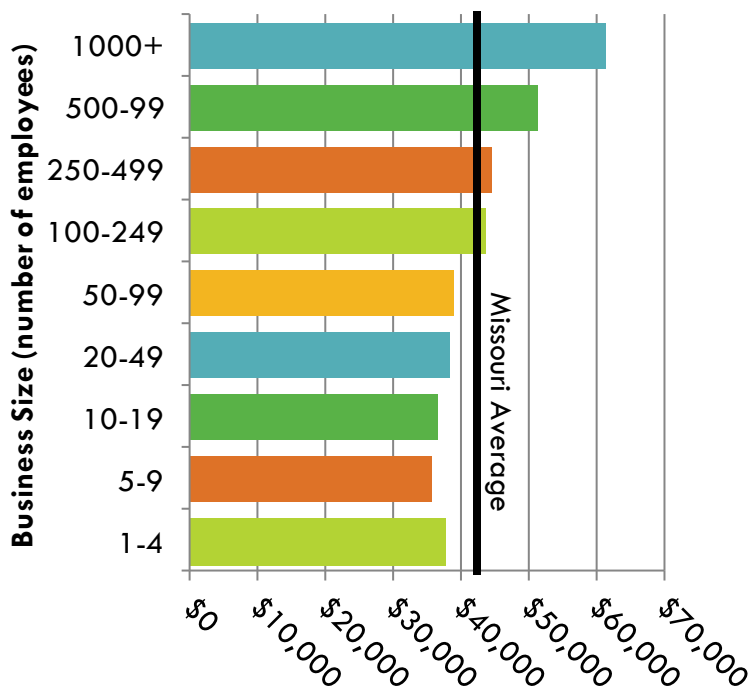


Employees by Businesses by Size

Wages by Business Size

The average wage in Missouri regardless of business size is \$42,686. Wages are highest at businesses that employ more than 1,000 people with average wages equaling \$60,951, nearly 43% higher than average wages in the state. Establishments that employ between 5-9 people have the lowest average wage at \$35,360.

Average Wages by Business Size



The Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC) monitors business sizes through unemployment insurance accounts established in the state. This allows MERIC to gauge the number of businesses by size, industry, and wages.

Business data is derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, a cooperative program between the Bureau of Labor Statistics and state labor market information centers that monitors employing businesses.

Non-employer businesses, such as sole proprietors, are monitored through a U.S. Census program that uses administrative data, chiefly IRS returns, to develop statistics. Non-employer businesses account for less than 4 percent of all sales but do account for the largest number of businesses. More information is available at:

www.census.gov/econ/nonemployer/